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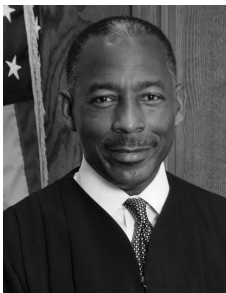
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**DONALD W. "DON" BEATTY, Chief Justice, of Spartanburg. Term expires July 31, 2024.**

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**BEATTY, Donald W. "Don"** (Spartanburg Co.)—*g.* S.C. State Univ., B.A., 1974; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1979; mem., City Council, City of Spartanburg, 1988–90; mil. serv.: Officer, USA; former mem.: Piedmont Legal Servs. Bd. of Dirs.; Spartanburg Residential Dev. Corp.; Southside Neighborhoods Assn. Partnership; BB&T Adv. Bd.; BMW minority Adv. Bd./BMW Construction Project; current mem., Sentencing Reform Comm.; Natl. Adv.

Bd. of the Bryson Center for Judicial Science Educ.; Conference of Chief Justices Bd. of Dirs.; Natl. Courts and Sciences Institute Bd. of Dirs.; elected mem. of the American Law Institute; House of Reps., 1991–95; served as VC and Chm.-elect of the S.C. Legis. Black Caucus; Seventh Circuit Fee Dispute Resolution Com.; Sentencing Guidelines Comm.; Com. to Review S.C. Drug and Common Laws; Judge of the Seventh Circuit, 1995–03; Court of Appeals, 2003–07; elected to Supreme Court May 23, 2007 to fulfill unexpired term of E.C. Burnett, retired; qualified Aug. 10, 2007; re-elected Feb. 3, 2010; elected Chief Justice May 25, 2016, to fulfill unexpired term of Costa M. Pleicones, upon his retirement; assuming seat January 1, 2017.

**JOHN WILLIAMSON KITTREDGE, Associate Justice, Seat 3, of Greenville. Term expires July 31, 2028. Home Address: 305 East North St., Suite 216, Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8593**



A black and white portrait of Judge Robert J. M. Jones, a man with dark hair, smiling, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie.

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   Rebecca Jennings



**FEW, John Cannon** (Berkeley Co.)—*b.* Apr. 9, 1963 in Anderson; *s.* J. Kendall and Belva Beasley Few; *g.* Duke Univ., B.A., 1985; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1988; 3 children, Reed, Anna, and Cannon; Oct. 12, 2019 *m.* Stephanie Leonard Few; Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 2, 2000–10; Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, 2010–16; elected to Supreme Court, Feb. 3, 2016.



**GEORGE C. "BUCK" JAMES, JR., Associate Justice, Seat 5, of Sumter. Term expires July 31, 2030. Address: P.O. Box 1716, Sumter 29151, Tel. (803) 436-2150**

**JAMES, George C. “Buck”, Jr.** (Sumter Co.)—*b.* June 2, 1960 in Savannah, Ga.; *s.* the late George C. James and Ren F. James; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 1982; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1985; *m.* Mar. 22, 1986, 2 children; private practice, firm of Richardson, James & Player, 1985–00; Partner, firm of Lee, Erter, Wilson, James, Holler & Smith, LLC, 2000–06; admitted to practice in S.C. and U.S. Dist. Court for the Dist. of S.C.; Wilson Hall School, Bd. of Trustees, 1998–06; former Dixie Youth baseball coach; former YMCA youth basketball coach; mem.: S.C. Bar; Sumter Co. Bar Assn.; former mem., S.C. Defense Trial Attys. Assn. & Defense Research Inst.; Matthew J. Perry Civility Award, 2009; mem., Trinity United Methodist Church; Judge of the Third Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 15, 2006–17; elected Assoc. Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat 5, Feb. 1, 2017 to succeed Donald W. Beatty, elected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.



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